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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - C.F. MURPHY ASSOCIATES

REF: MOSCOW 12509

1. IN RESPONSE LANE-NOVIKOV LETTER JULY 15, KRIVENKO OF GOSSTROY FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT TOLD COMOFF SEPTEMBER 25 THAT SITUATION WITH REGARD TO OLYMPIC PLANNING UNCHANGED SINCE OLYMPIC ORGKOM'S AUGUST LETTER TO C.F. MURPHY, I.E. FINAL PROJECT LIST STILL NOT COMPLETED. HOWEVER, IF FIRM WISHES TO SEND TEAM TO MOSCOW IN OCTOBER, GOSSTROY WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH ORGKOM AND MOSSOVIET FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS OF OLYMPIC PLANS (PRESUMABLY ALONG LINES OF MOSCOW 10800) AND MURPHY'S CAPABILITIES.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO ASSURANCE THAT SOVIETS WILL SEEK DESIGN/ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE FROM WESTERN FIRMS FOR OLYMPIC STADIUMS. IF MURPHY DOES WISH TO PURSUE THIS POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND THEY SEND TEAM TO MOSCOW IN OCTOBER TO DEVELOP CONTACTS WITH OLYMPIC PLANNERS. AS BIGGEST PROBLEM WILL BE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, SUGGEST FIRM REQUEST RESERVATIONS FOR TWO-THREE DAYS IN LATE OCTOBER (PREFERABLY THROUGH AMEXCO) AND TELEX US DATES AS SOON AS CNFIRMATION RECEIVED. WE WILL THEN PROPOSE DATES TO GOSSTROY AND REQUEST THEM TO SEND VISA-SUPPORT MESSAGE TO SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON IF DATES ACCEPTABLE.

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3. PLEASE ADVISE MURPHY'S REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION SO THAT
WE CAN KEEP GOSSTROY INFORMED.
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